

**Polymer Technologies, Inc.**

**Materials For Controlling Noise**

# **DESIGNED TO CONTROL NOISE**

- **SELECT “QUIET” COMPONENTS**
- **ISOLATE VIBRATING COMPONENTS**
- **FULLY ENCLOSE SOURCES**

# **TRADITIONAL NOISE CONTROL MATERIAL SOLUTIONS**

- **Absorption-**      **“Soak-up” airborne sound energy**
- **Barriers-**        **Walls to stop sound energy**
- **Damping-**        **Takes the “ring” out**
- **Gasketing-**       **Seal between two surfaces**
- **Isolation-**        **Decouples vibrators from structure**

# Relationship of Wavelength And Frequency

Frequency (Hertz)

Wavelength (ft or in)

16K \_\_\_\_\_ .85 IN

8 K \_\_\_\_\_ 1.69 IN

4 K \_\_\_\_\_ 3.38 IN

2 K \_\_\_\_\_ 6.67 IN

1 K \_\_\_\_\_ 1.13 FT

500 \_\_\_\_\_ 2.26 FT

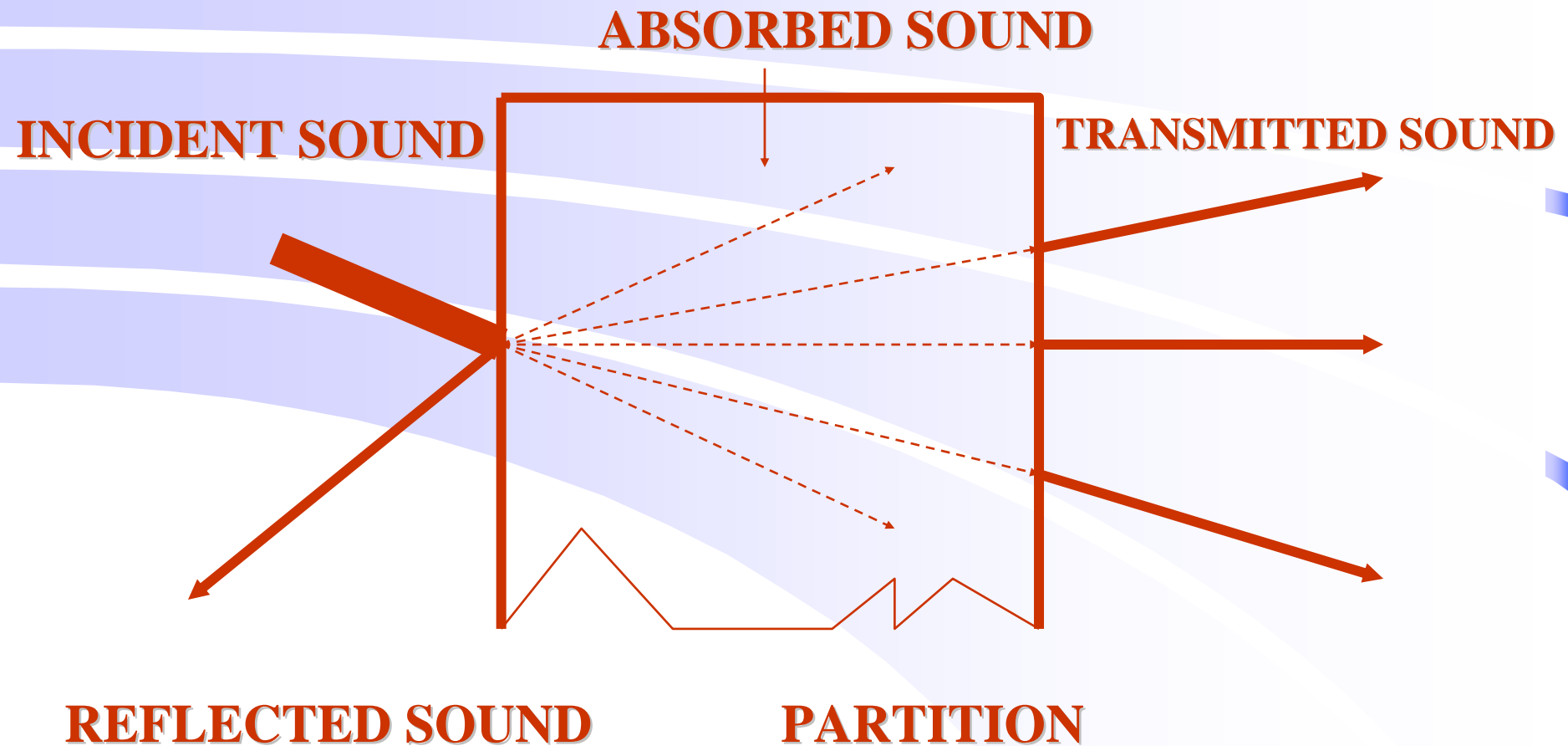
250 \_\_\_\_\_ 4.51 FT

125 \_\_\_\_\_ 9.02 FT

60 \_\_\_\_\_ 18.8 FT

30 \_\_\_\_\_ 37.6 FT

# EFFECT OF INCIDENT SOUND ON A PARTITION



**$L_p = 90$  dBA**

**NOISE  
SOURCE**

A central light blue rectangle with a dark blue border contains the text "NOISE SOURCE" in bold, dark blue, serif font. Four curved, light blue arrows originate from the top, bottom, left, and right sides of the rectangle, pointing outwards. The background consists of horizontal, wavy bands of light blue and white, suggesting sound waves. On the right side, there are three short, vertical, dark blue lines.

**Enclosure**

**Reflected Sound Waves**

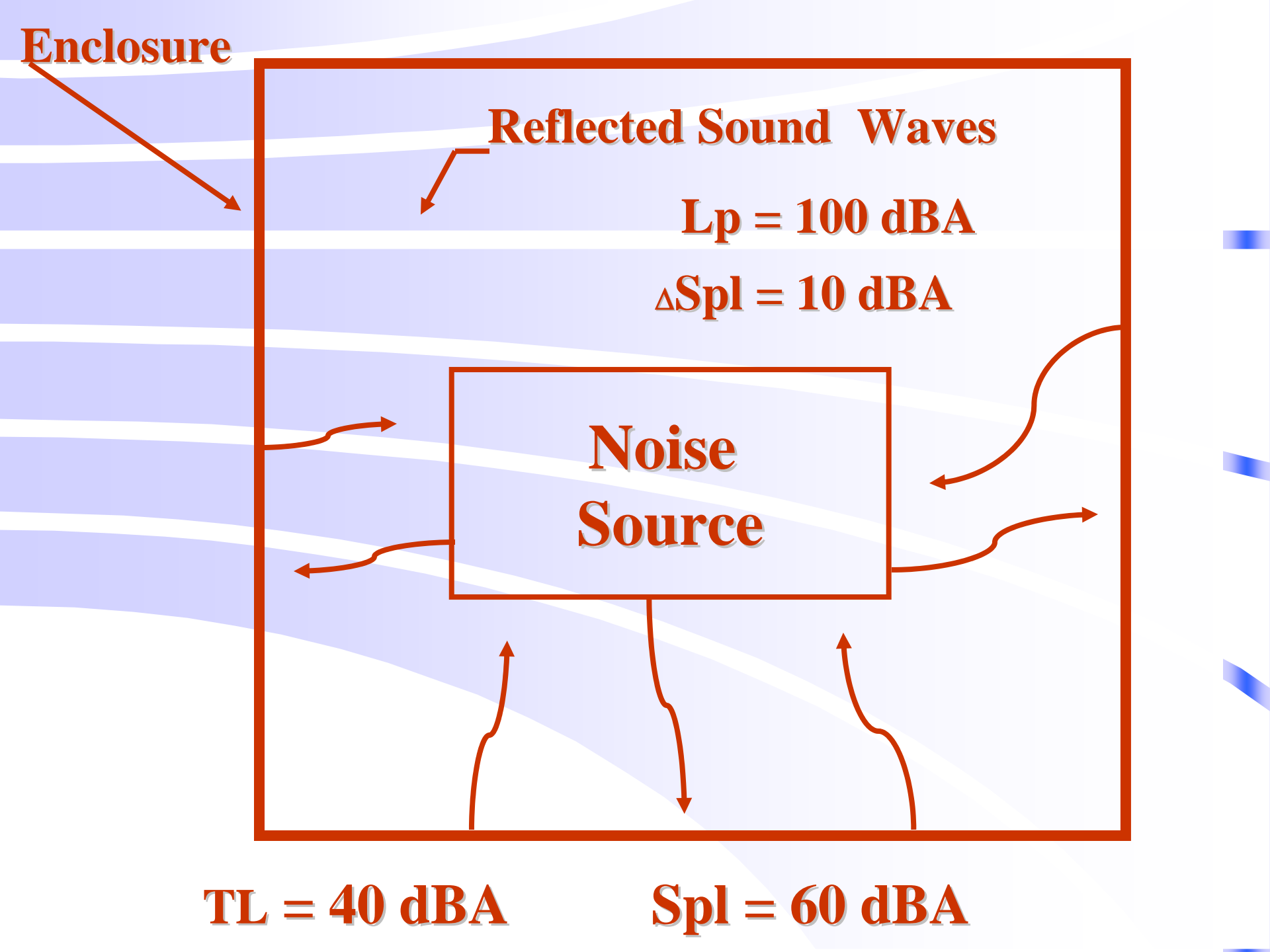
**$L_p = 100 \text{ dBA}$**

**$\Delta \text{Spl} = 10 \text{ dBA}$**

**Noise  
Source**

**$\text{TL} = 40 \text{ dBA}$**

**$\text{Spl} = 60 \text{ dBA}$**



**Enclosure**

**Reflected Sound Waves**

**$L_p = 90 \text{ dBA}$**

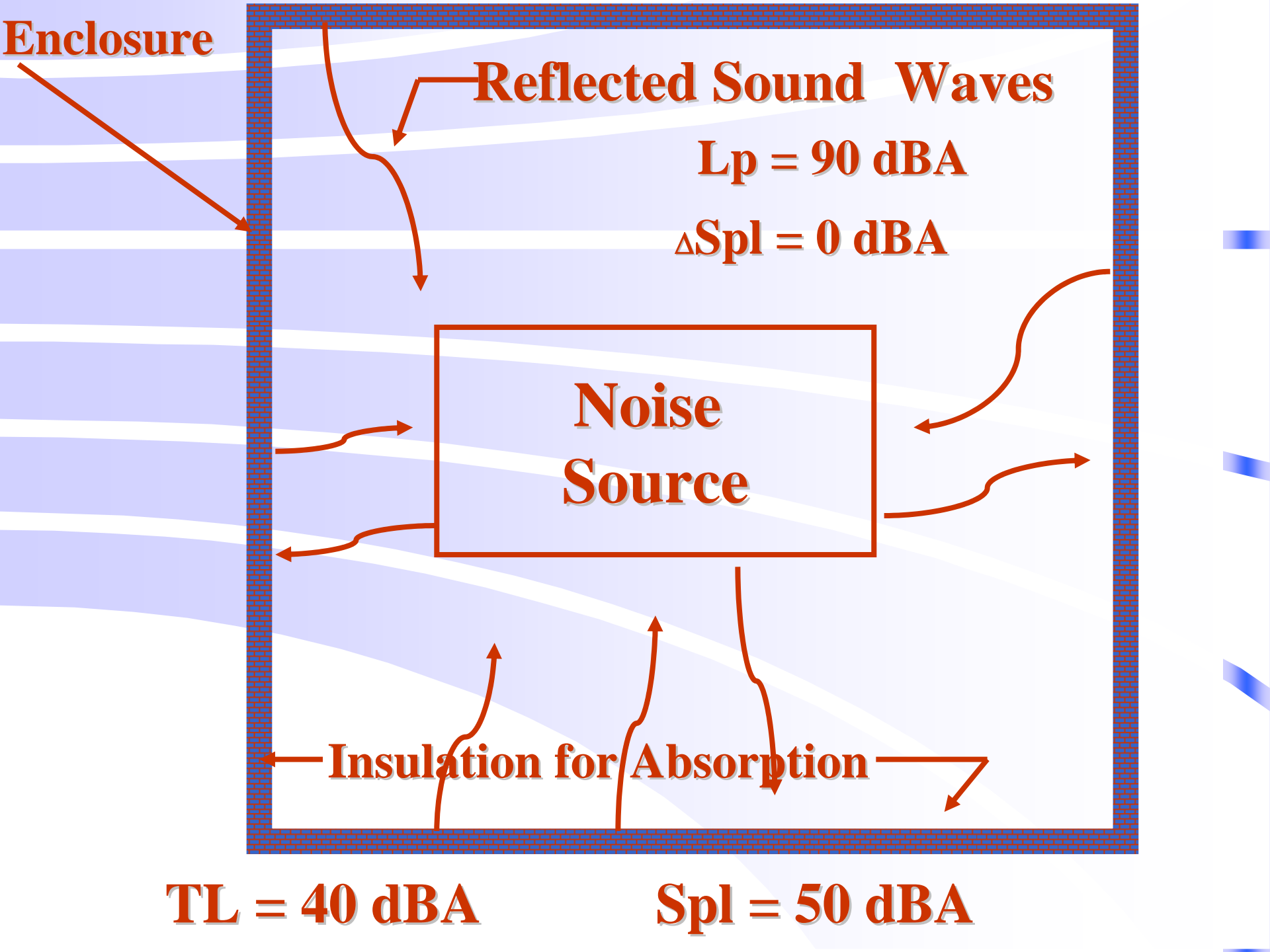
**$\Delta S_{pl} = 0 \text{ dBA}$**

**Noise  
Source**

**Insulation for Absorption**

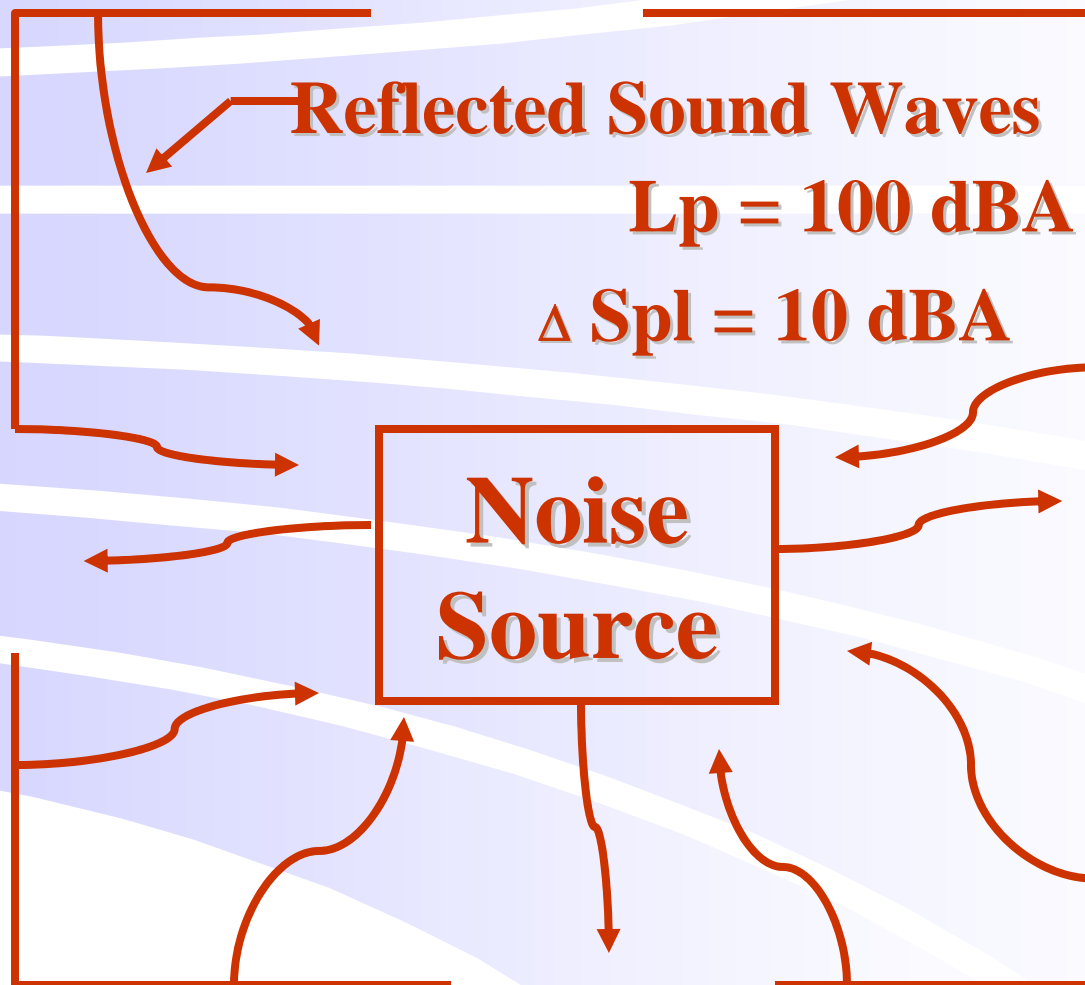
**$TL = 40 \text{ dBA}$**

**$S_{pl} = 50 \text{ dBA}$**





**Enclosure**



**At 10% open area**

**TL = 10 dBA**

**Spl = 90 dBA**

**Enclosure**

**Reflected Sound Waves**

**$L_p = 90\text{dBA}$**

**$\Delta \text{Spl} = 0 \text{ dBA}$**

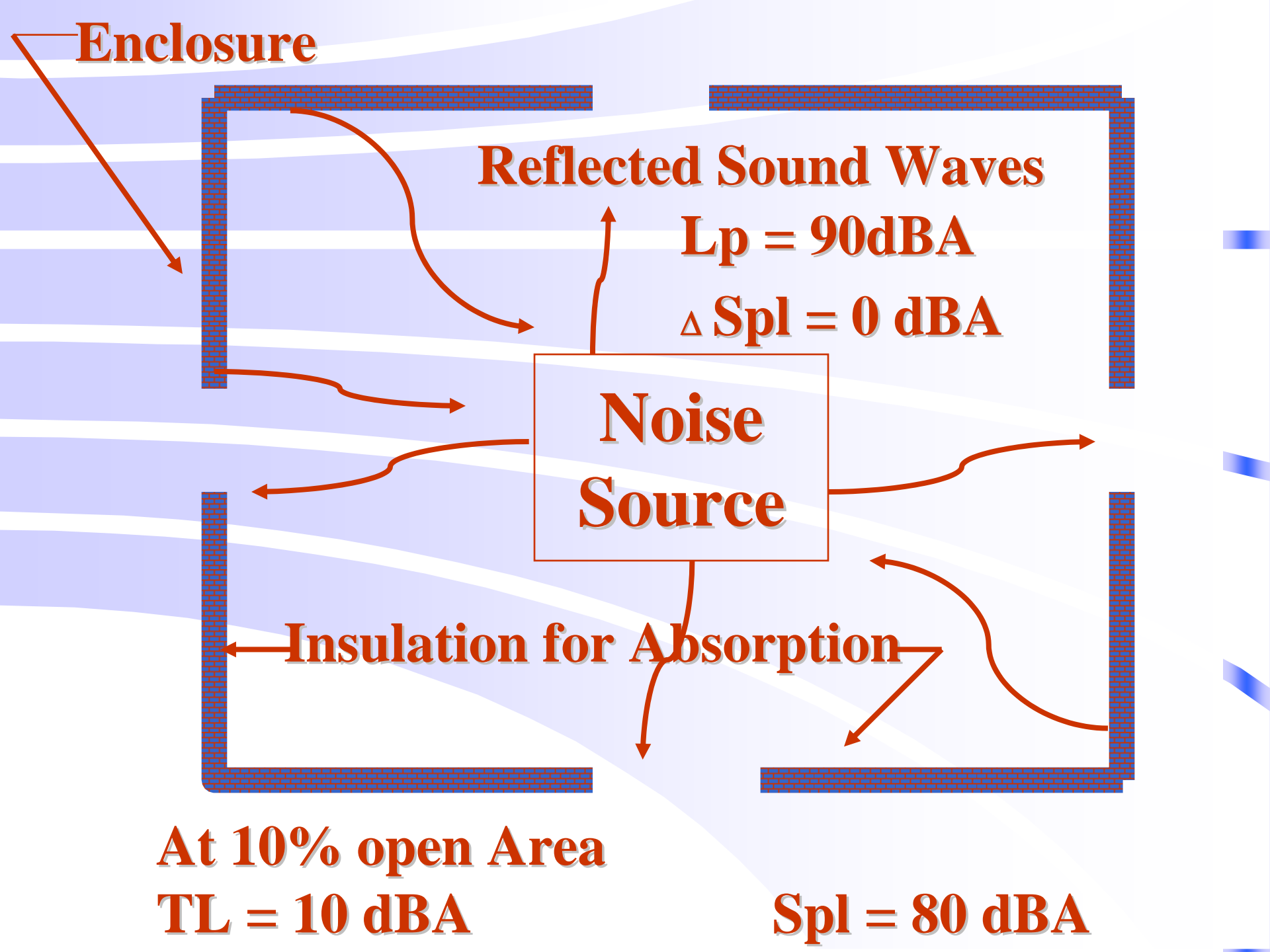
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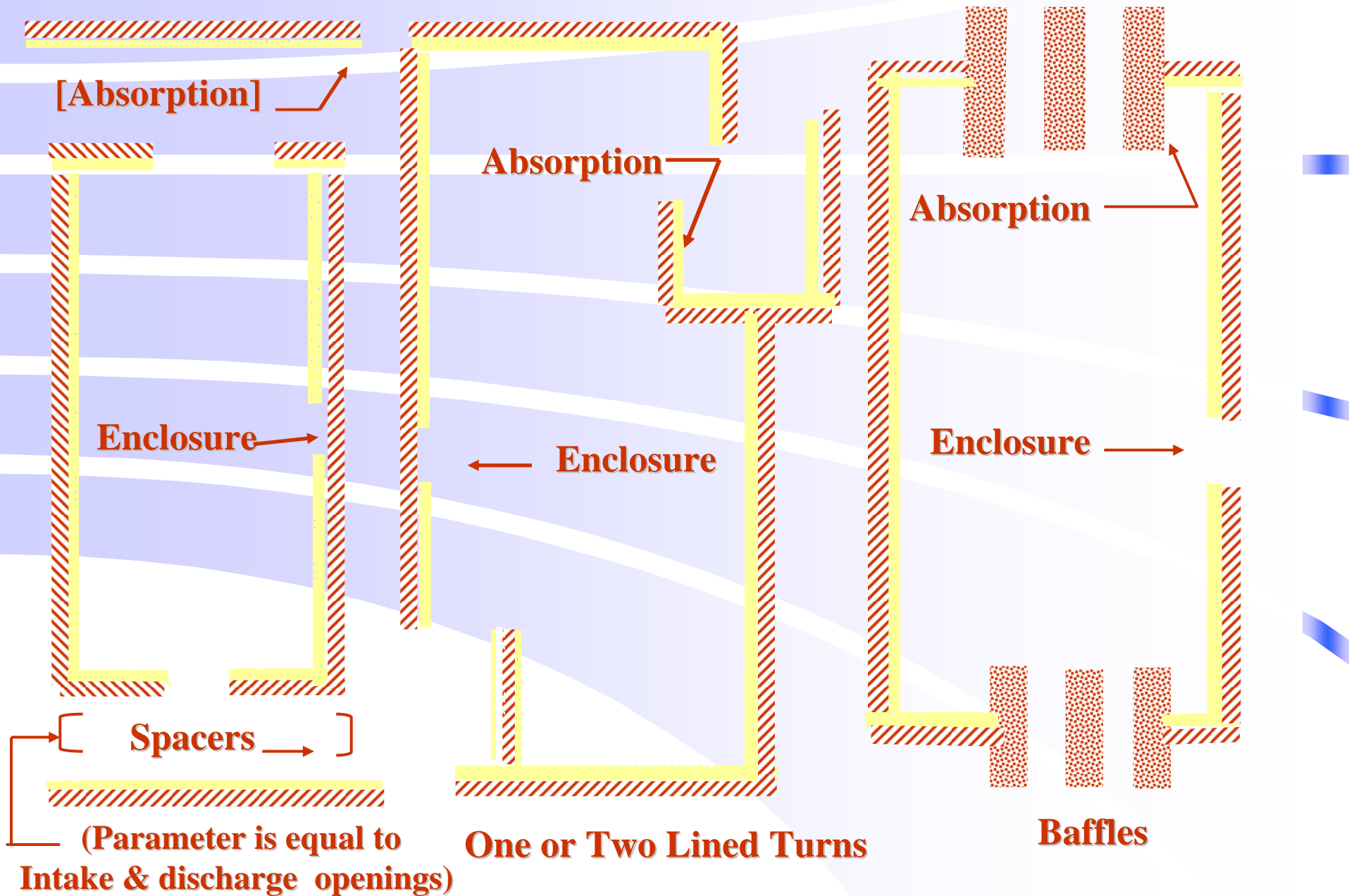
**At 10% open Area**

**$\text{TL} = 10 \text{ dBA}$**

**$\text{Spl} = 80 \text{ dBA}$**



# Example of Typical Baffle Arrangements for Enclosures



# **Open Area Must Be Muffled Or Baffled**

- **$\frac{1}{4}$  Wavelength path of lowest frequency**
- **Baffle plate arrangement efficient**
- **Inline silencer requires attention regarding distance between baffle plates and insulation thickness.**
- **Typically the handling of open area is a major compromise.**

# **ABSORBERS**

# SOUND ABSORBERS

**Flexible and light weight, “Soak-up” airborne sound energy**

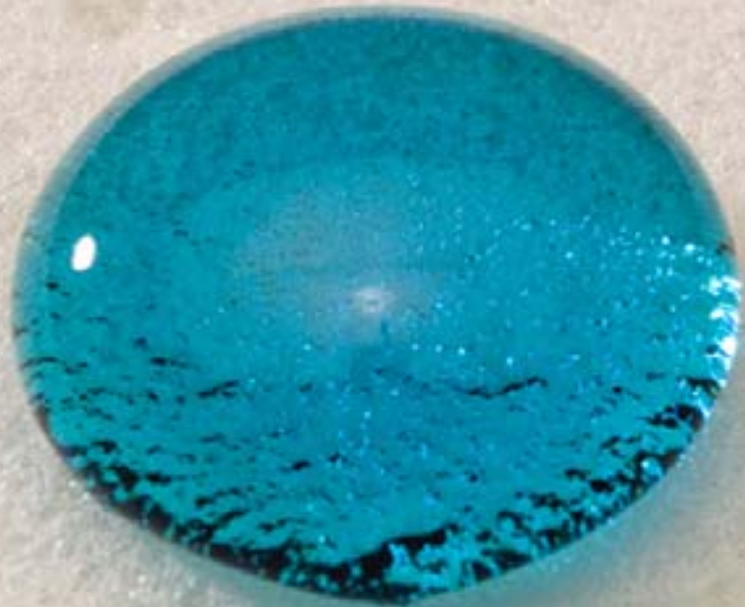
## Cellular

- Urethane
- High Smoke
- Flammable
- Melamine
- Low Smoke
- Low Flame
- Polyimide
- Low Smoke
- Low Flame

## Fibrous

- Fiber Glass
- Mineral Wool
- Ceramic
- Polyester
- Aramid

# HYDROPHOBIC PHM vs STANDARD PMF



# **SOUND ABSORBERS FOR MINING APPLICATIONS**

- **CONSIDERATIONS:**
  - **LOW SMOKE**
  - **LOW TOXICITY**
  - **LOW FLAME**
- **MELAMINE FOAM IS IDEAL**
  - **MELAMINE COMPOSITES USED IN  
AEROSPACE APPLICATIONS**





# **SURFACE TREATMENTS ON ABSORBERS**

**Film Facings • Causes Resonance in Composite**

- Helps Low Frequency Absorption**

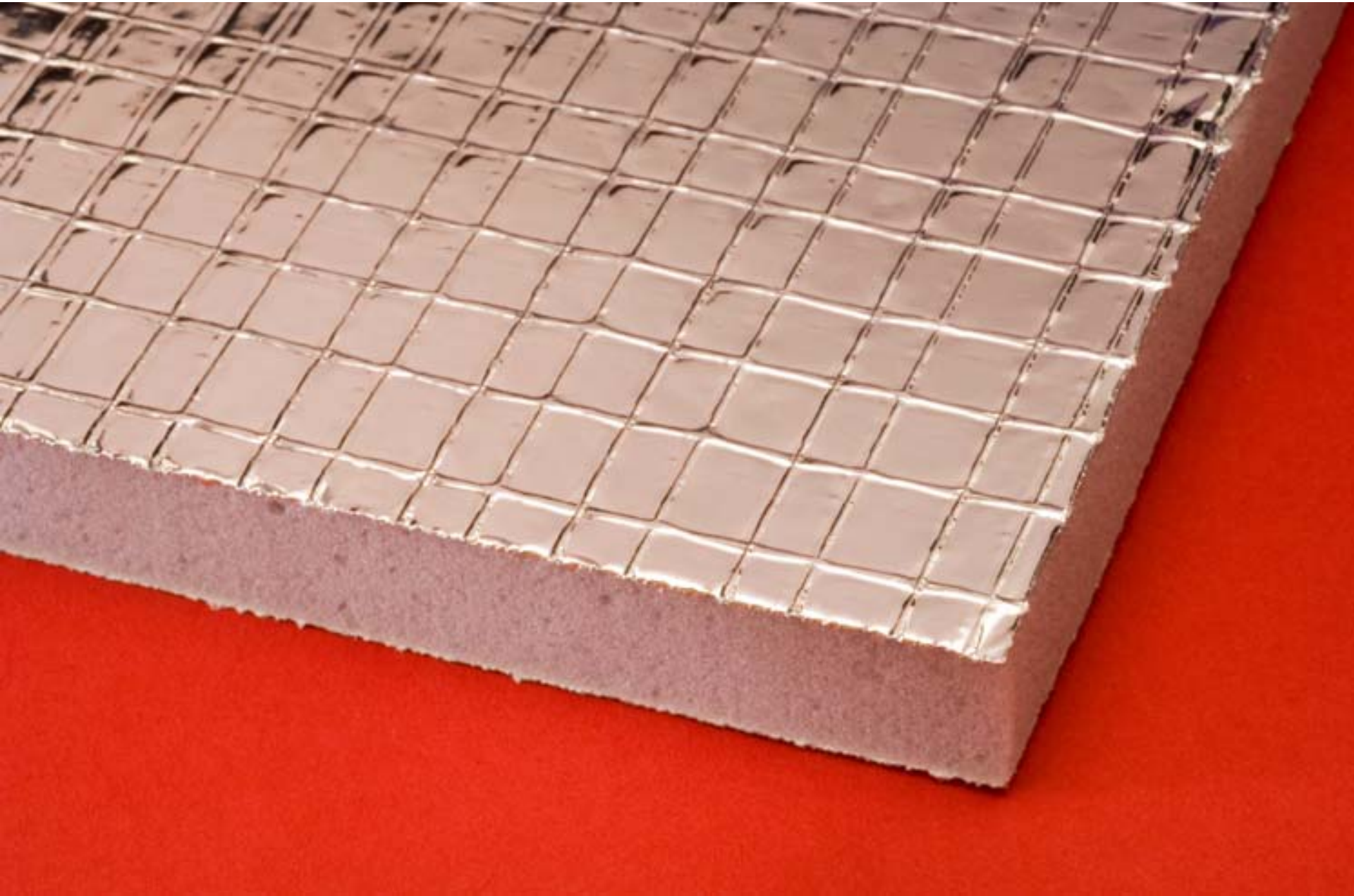
- Hurts High Frequency Absorption**

**Film Facings Protect Foam**

- Keeps Out Contaminants**

- Prolongs Product Life**

# REINFORCED ALUMINUM FACING



# PEKK or METALLIZED TEDLAR

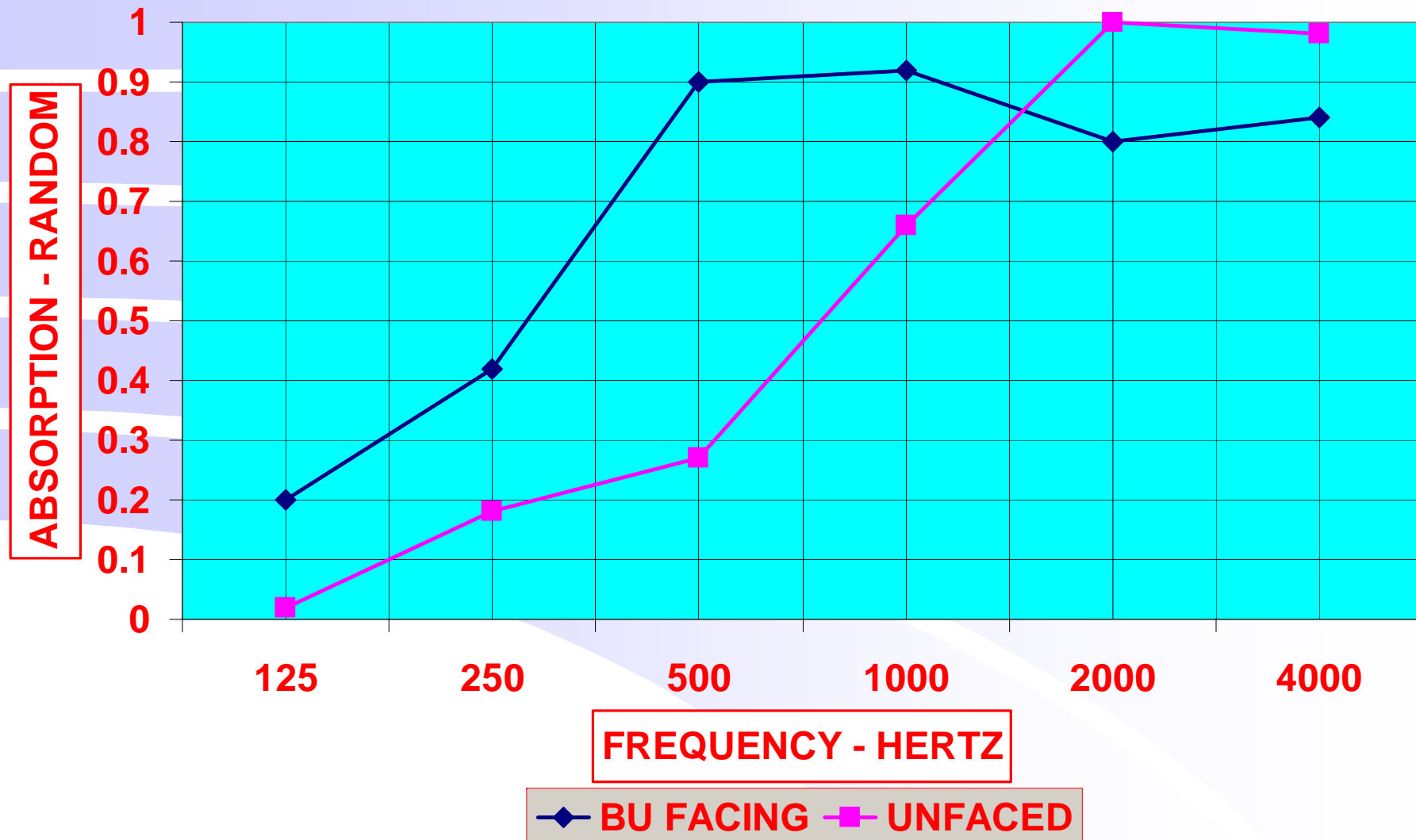




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## EFFECT OF A FILM FACING - PAF100



# **WHERE ABSORBERS ARE USED:**

- **Full or partial enclosures**
- **Both thermal and acoustical benefits**
- **Noise reduction potential 2-8-dBA**

**Absorbers can be “enhanced” to fit requirements:**

- **Decorative/Protective surface treatments**
- **Fabricated to ease installation**

# TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

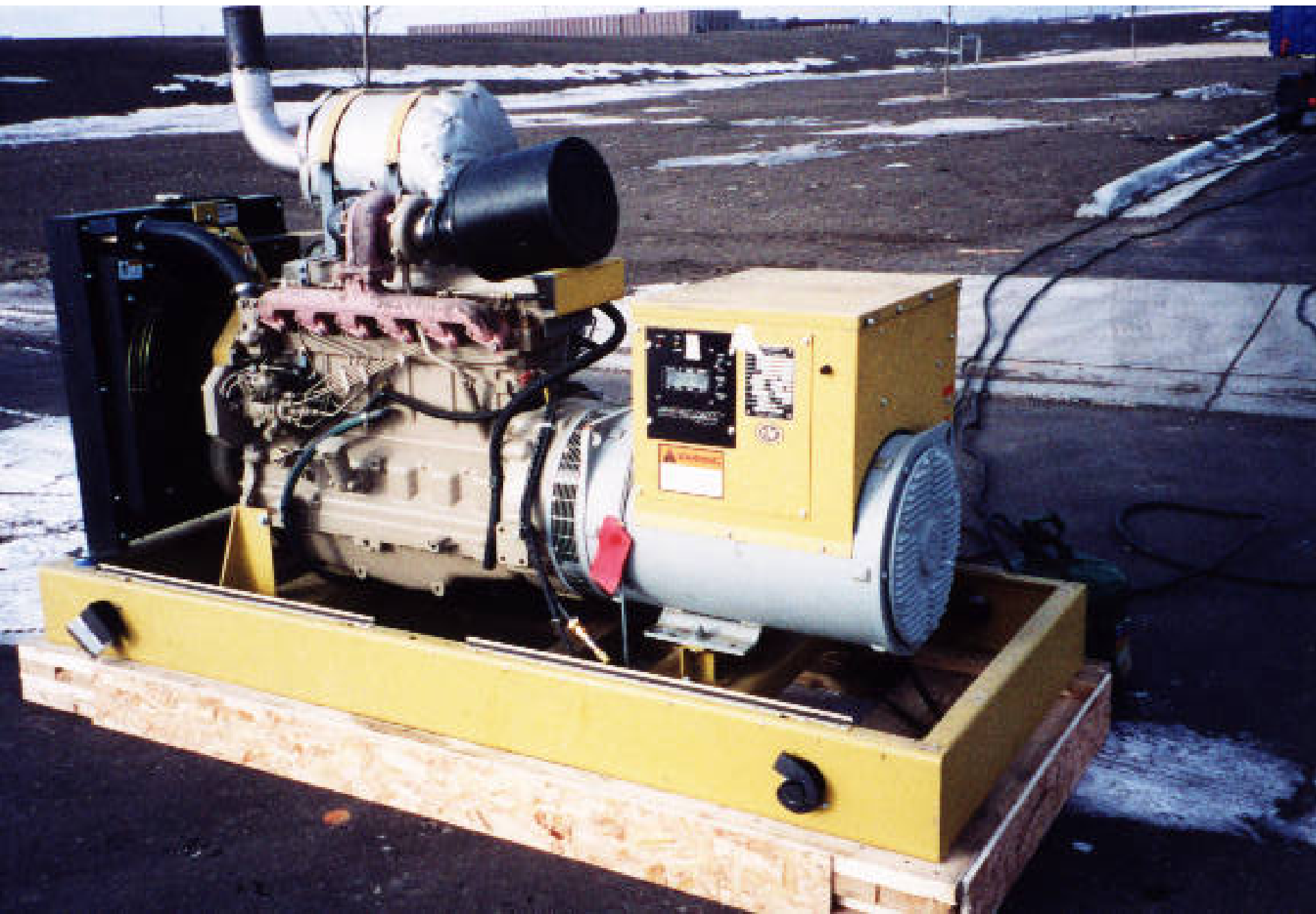
- **Under Engine Hoods**
- **Side Shields in Engine Compartments**
- **Under ROPS Cabs**
- **Inside Component Enclosures**



# CONSIDERATIONS

- **COMPATABILITY WITH ENVIRONMENT**
- **DURABILITY**
- **EASE OF REPAIR, MODIFICATION and REPLACEMENT**

# 125 KW GENERATOR – 87dBA@7M



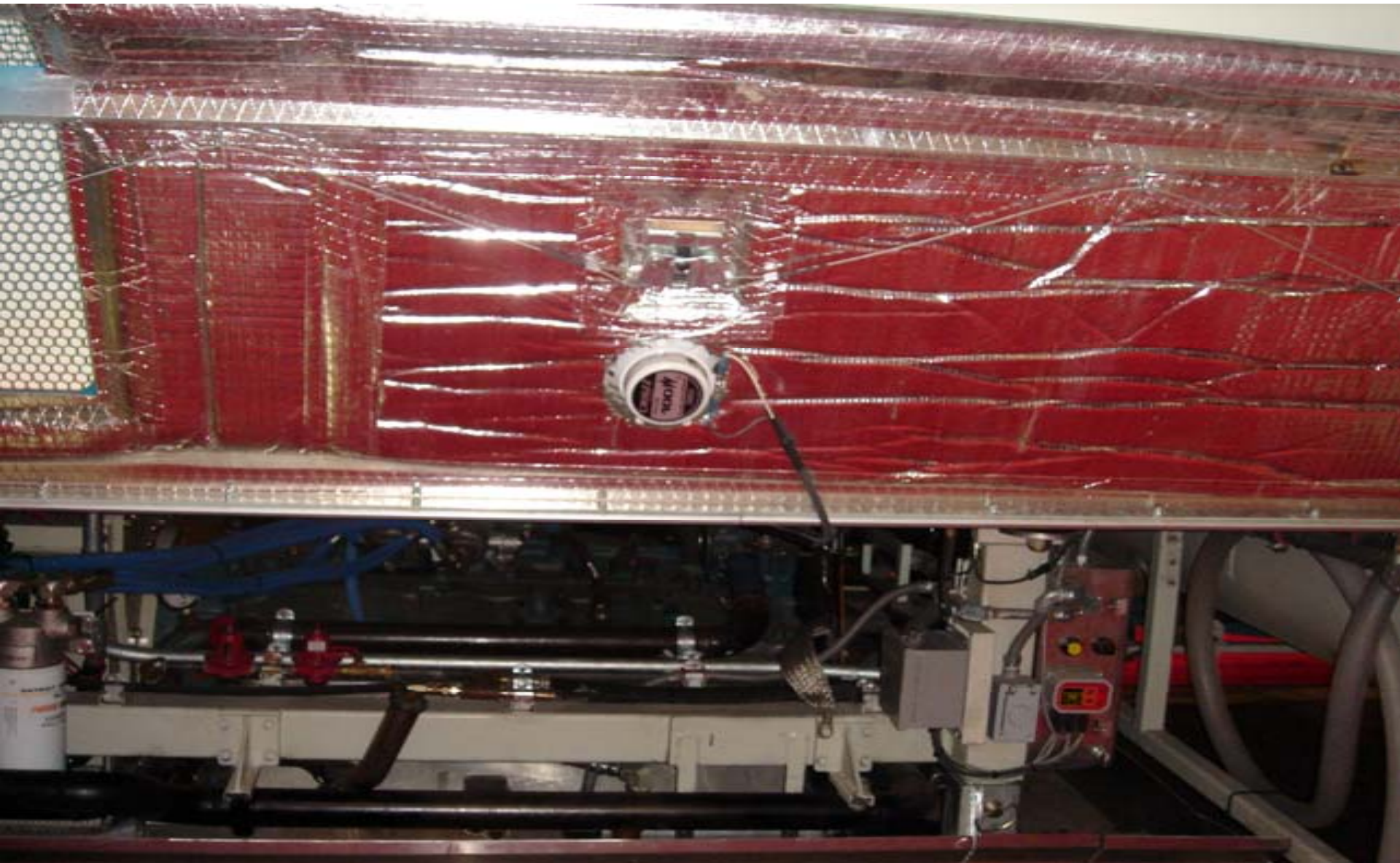
# ENCLOSURE-NO INSULATION-83dBA - INSULATED – 80dBA



# **SILENCER W/O INSULATION-78dBA WITH INSULATION-75dBA**



# VEHICLE ENGINE COMPT.-2dBA





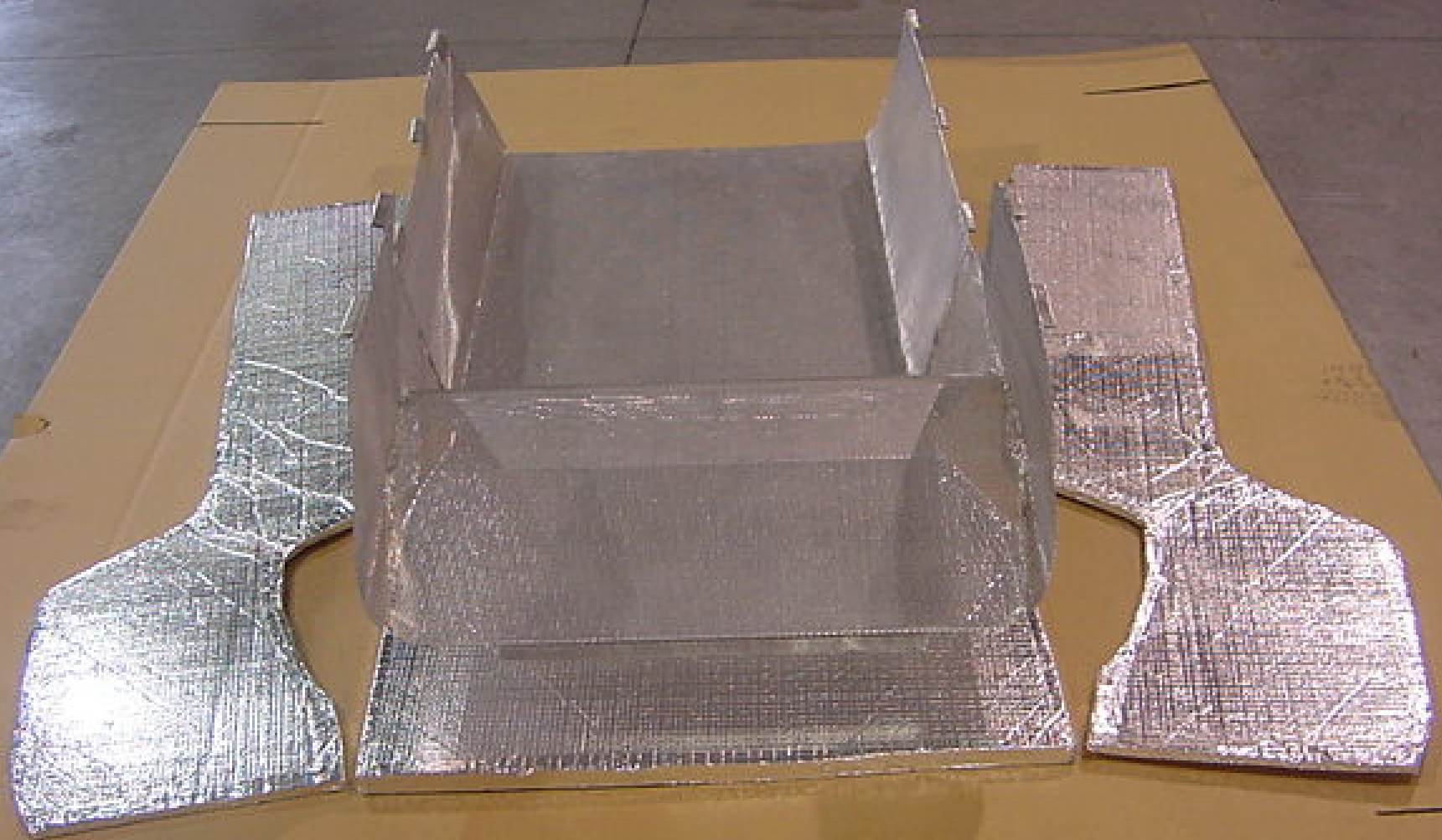




# CAB ENGINE TUNNEL









**INTAKE  
HOUSING**

**EXHAUST  
PLENUM**

**SICPS PROGRAM  
REDUCED WT 11LBS  
REDUCED SPL TO UNDER 70dBA  
ELIMINATED ODORS**



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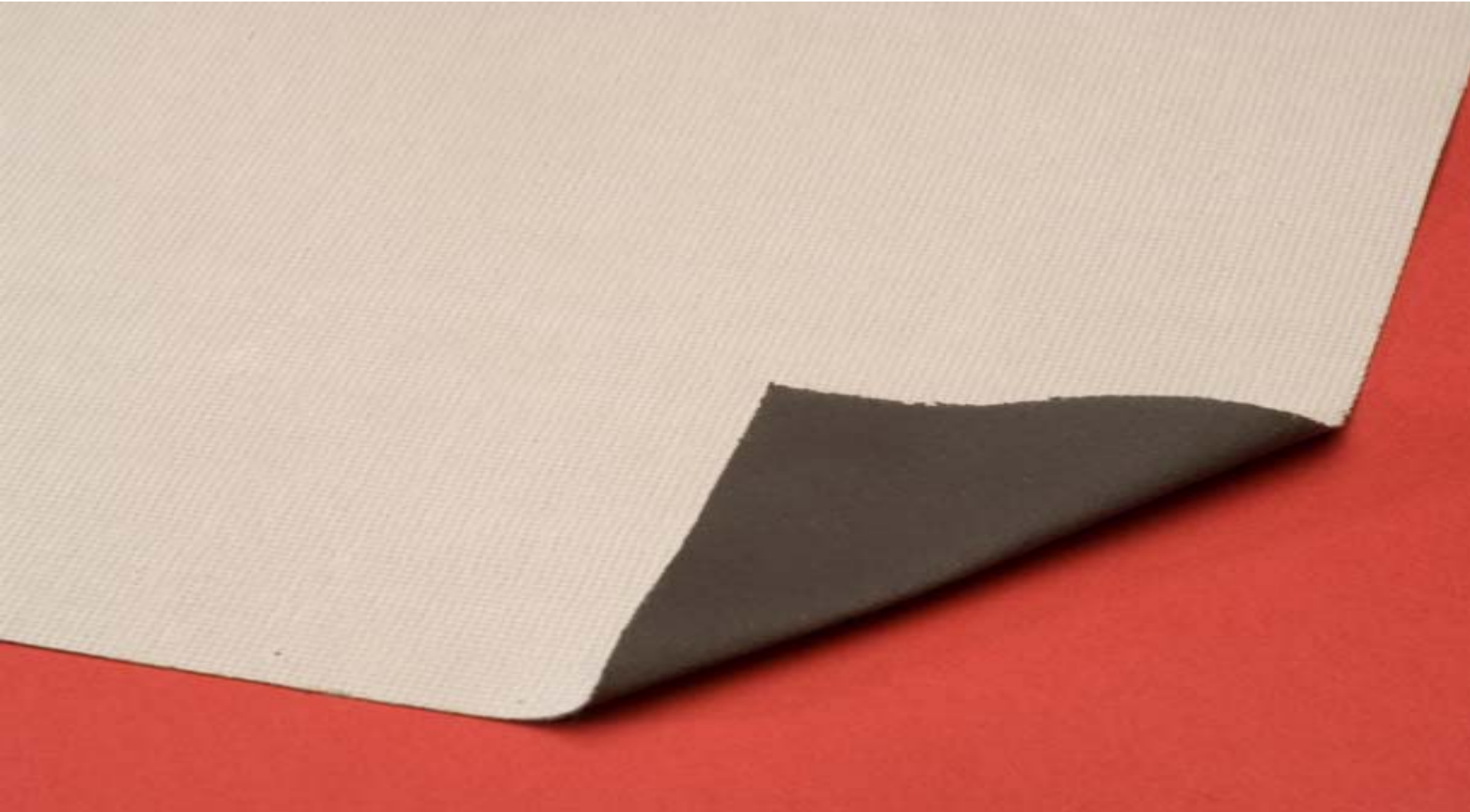
# MILITARY HEADLINER



# PIPE WRAP INSULATION



# **LIGHT WEIGHT AEROSPACE BARRIERS**





# **CONSIDERATIONS FOR MINING APPLICATIONS**

- **DURABILITY**
- **EXPANDED METAL PROTECTION**
  - At least 22% open area – Acoustically Transparent.
  - Edges should be protected.
  - Hydrophobic Melamine should be used.



# **BARRIERS**

# **BARRIERS BLOCK NOISE**

- **Mass controls TL of panel**
- **Open area effects performance**
- **Composite absorber barriers are useful**

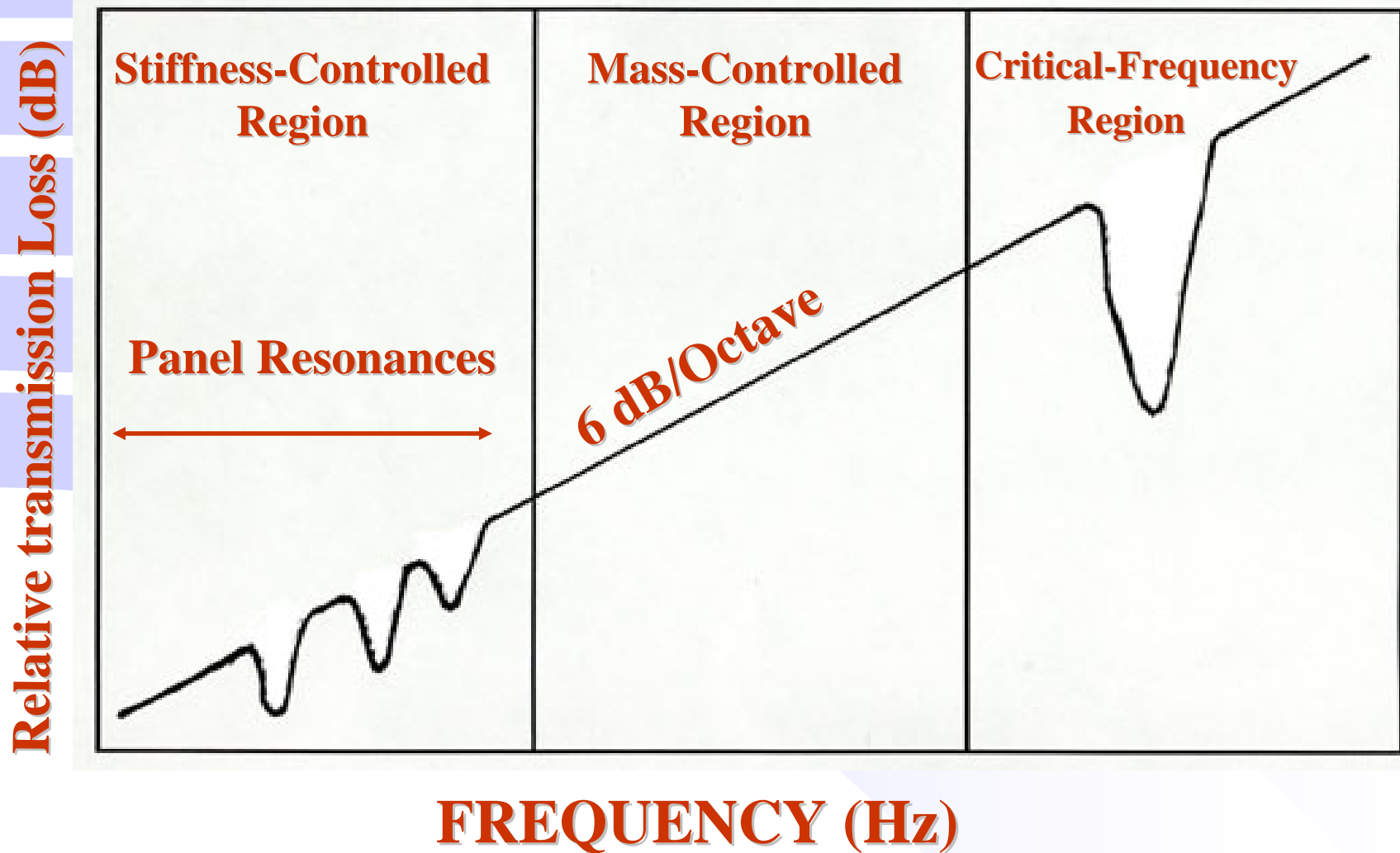
# INVERSE SQUARE LAW

- Doubling distance from source decreases SPL by 6 db
- Halving distance from source increases SPL by 6 db

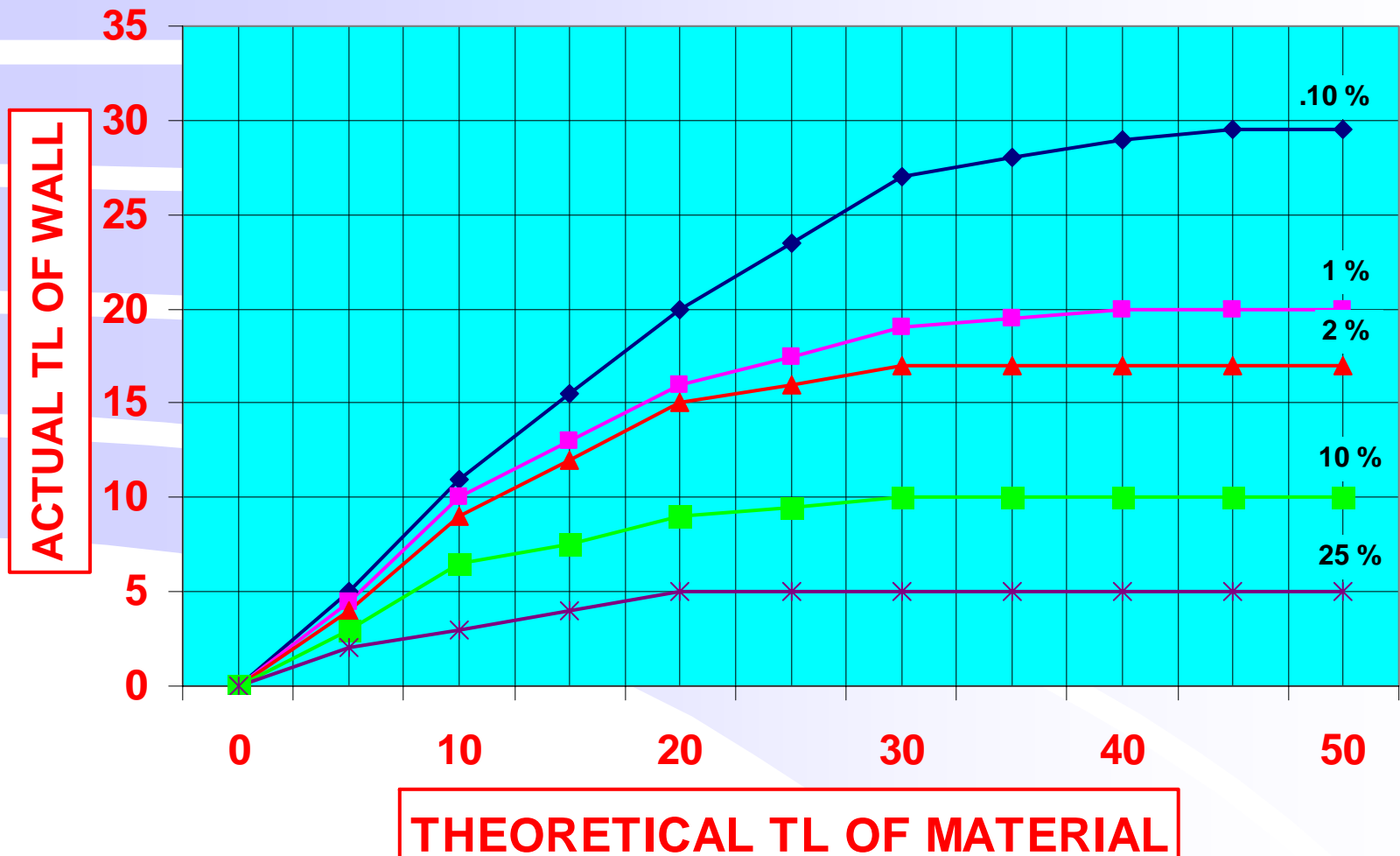
# MASS LAW

- Doubling the mass of a barrier adds 6 db to the TL
- Halving the mass of a barrier decreases the TL by 6 db

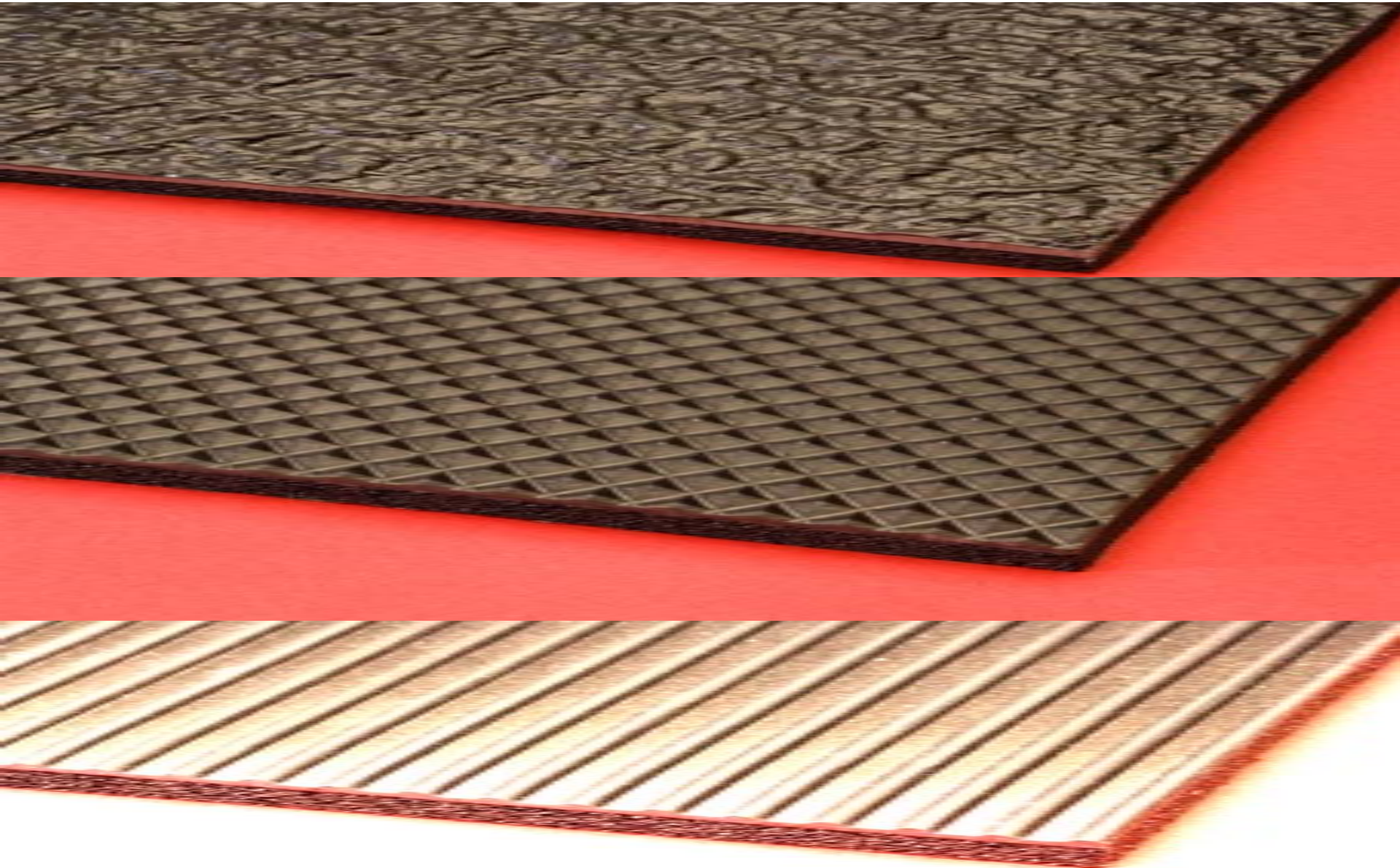
# Typical Frequency Response (TL) of Homogenous Panels



## TRANSMISSION LOSS - ACT vs THEORETICAL

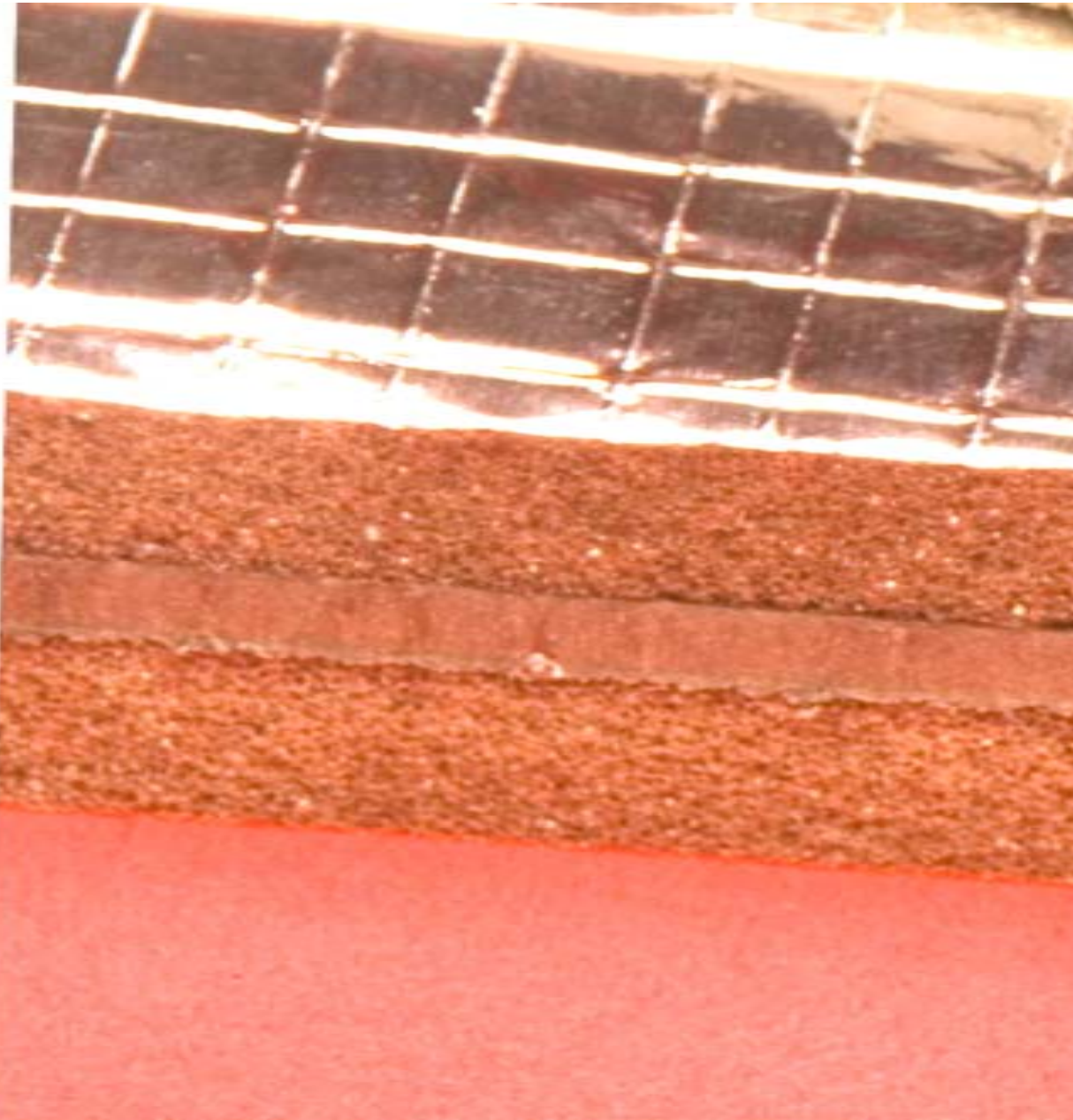


# FLOORMATS





# TYPICAL COMPOSITE BARRIER



**FILM  
FACING**

**ABSORBER**

**BARRIER**

**DECOUPLER**



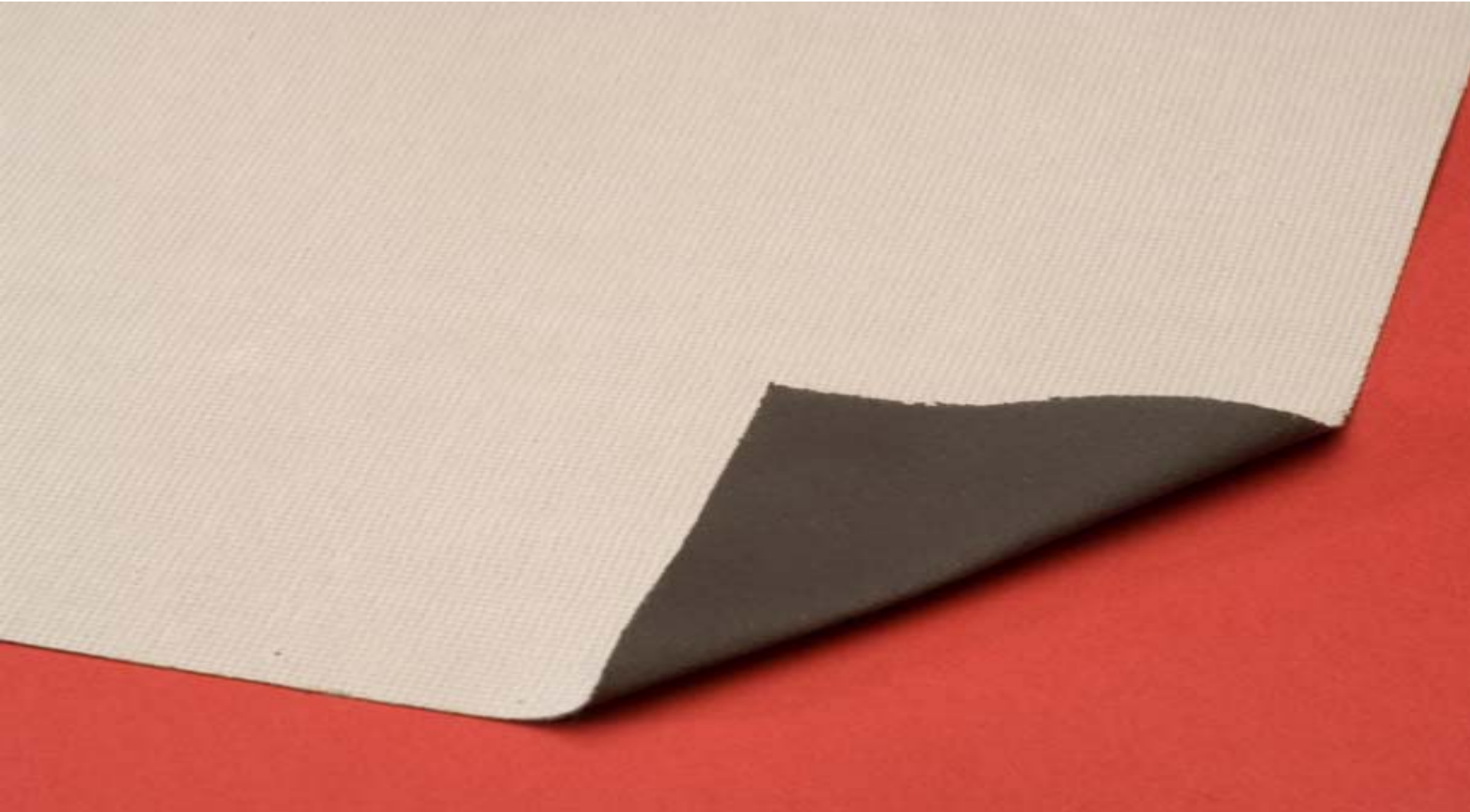
# TYPICAL POLYMER BARRIERS

- CAN BE MADE SELF EXTINGUISHING
- HAVE SIGNIFICANT SMOKE ASSOCIATED WITH BURNING
- WILL NOT MEET STRINGENT TOXICITY REQUIREMENTS
- SUITED FOR ABOVE GROUND MINING VEHICLES
- OPTION – USE MELAMINE FOAM AS ABSORBER AND DECOUPLER

# **WHERE BARRIER COMPOSITES ARE USED**

- **VEHICLE FIREWALLS**
- **VEHICLE SIDE PANELS**
- **ENCLOSURES**
- **ANYWHERE ADDITIONAL TL IS DESIRED**
- **CAUTION – OPEN AREA IMPACTS VALUE OF BARRIERS**

# **LIGHT WEIGHT AEROSPACE BARRIERS**



# **BARRIER: - Walls to stop sound energy**

- **Existing structure vs. Supplemental**
- **Mass per unit area – Important**
- **Open area effects attenuation achieved**

**Noise Reduction Potential 10-40dBA**

# DAMPING

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**Eliminates Resonance**

**Stops Noise Radiation**

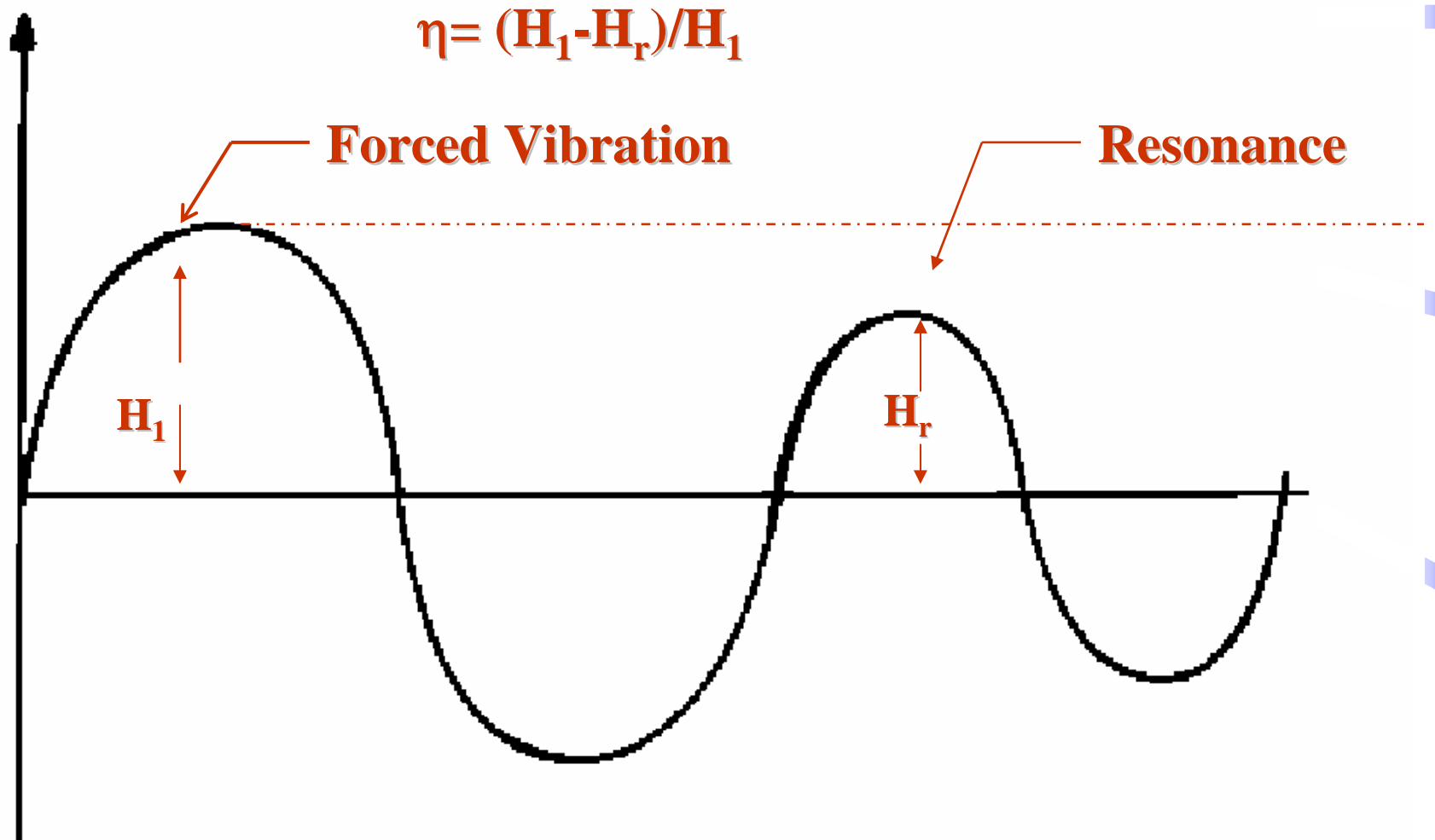
**Allows TL to be Optimized**



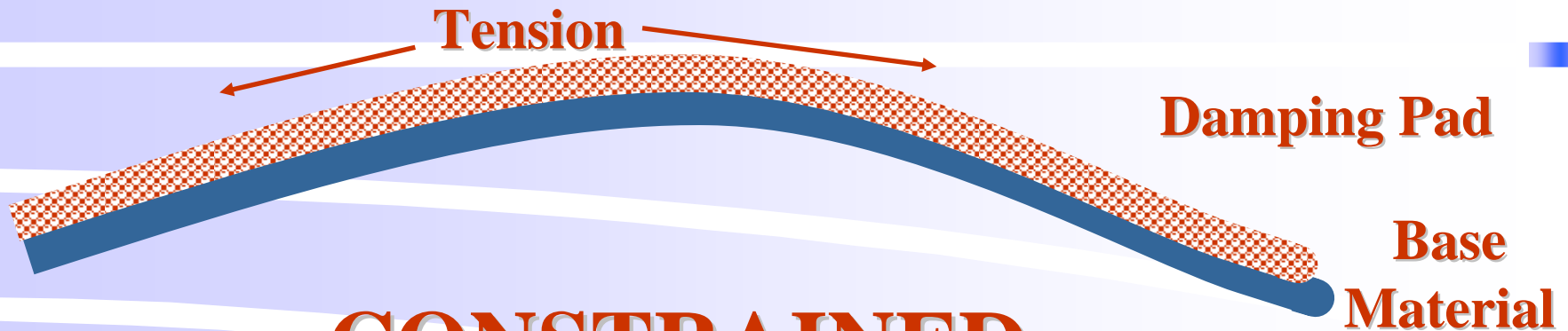
# LOSS FACTOR

$$\eta_c = \frac{\text{Flexural Energy Lost per Cycle}}{\text{Flexural Energy Input per Cycle}}$$

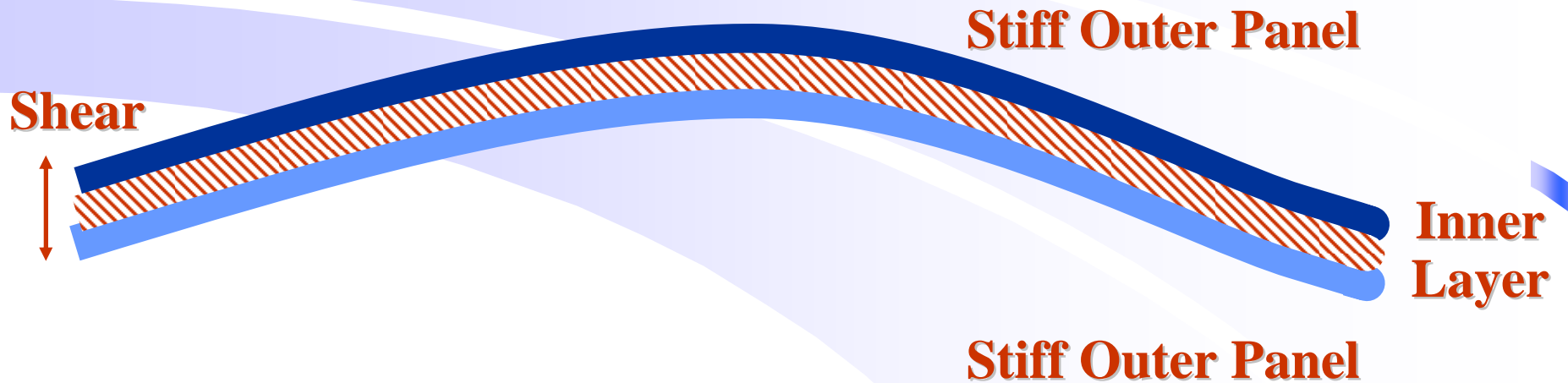
# Representation of Loss Factor



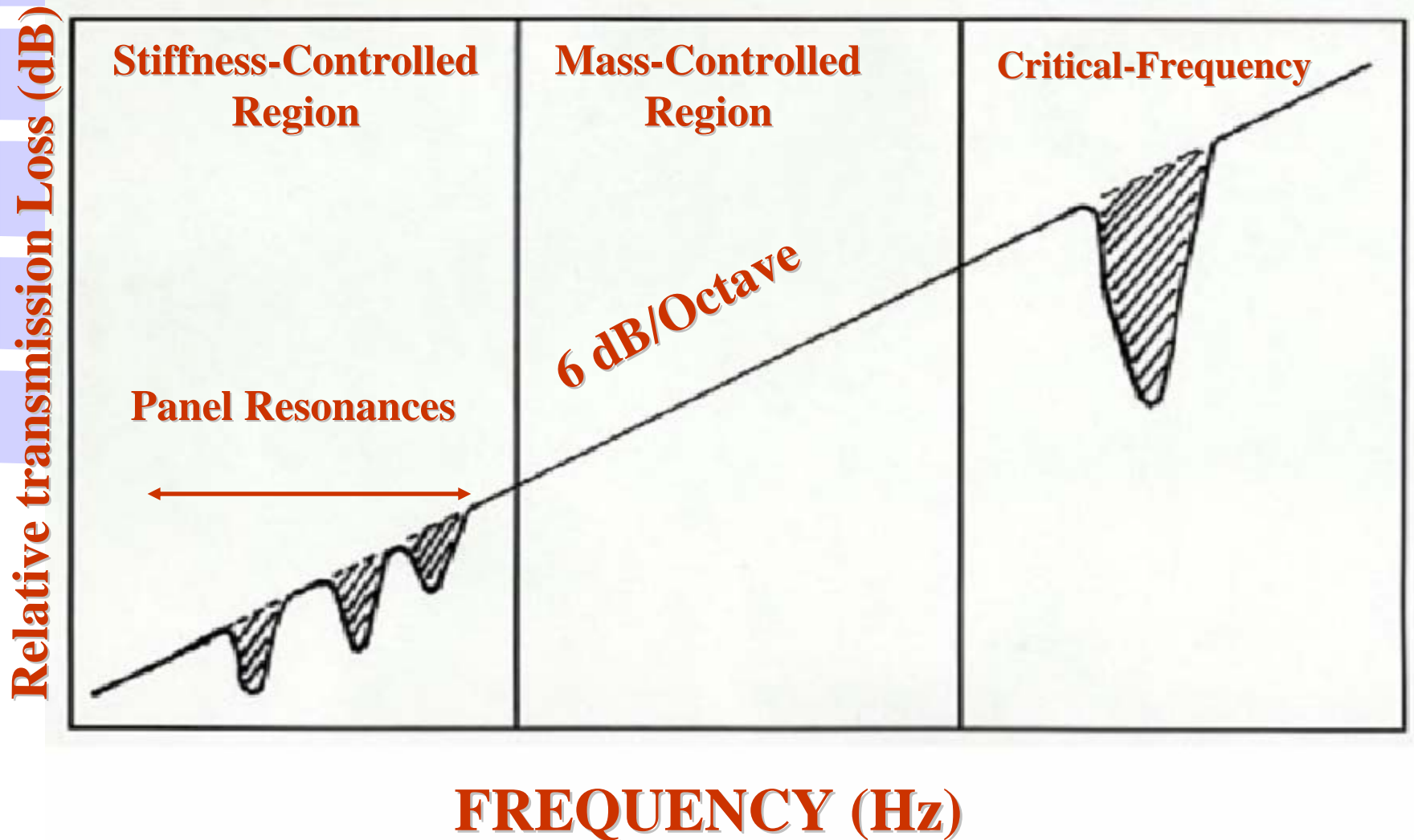
# EXTENSIONAL



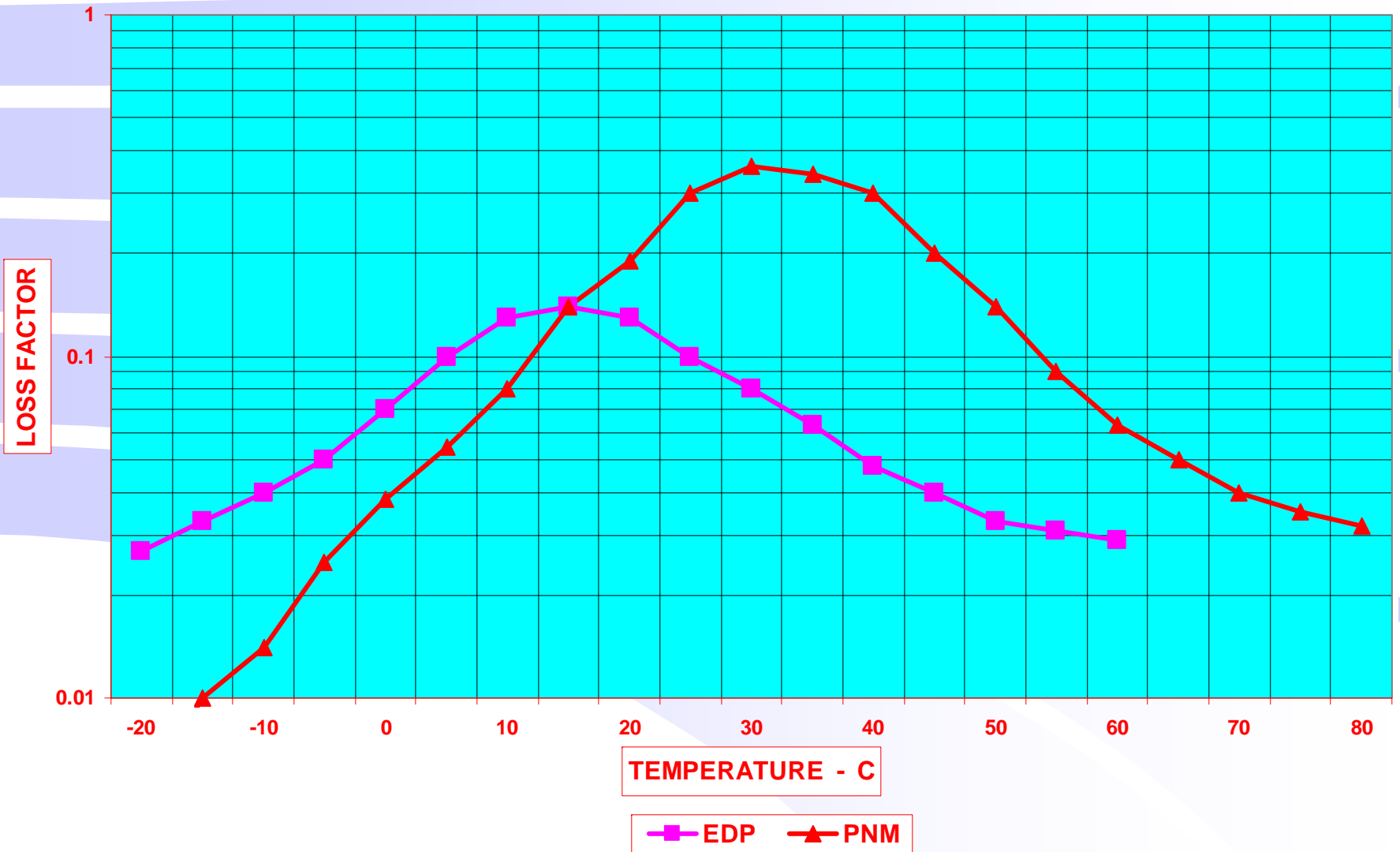
# CONSTRAINED



# TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE (TL) OF HOMOGENOUS PANELS



# LOSS FACTOR vs TEMPERATURE



# **CONSTRAINED LAYER DAMPING**

- **POLYMER TREATMENT IS PROTECTED**
- **CONSTRAINING LAYER OFFERS MAXIMUM DURABILITY**
- **HIGHEST POSSIBLE LOSS FACTORS**
- **IDEAL FOR MINING EQUIPMENT**



# **DAMPING – Takes the “ring” out, Eliminates Resonance**

- **Reduces radiated noise**
- **Optimizes TL**
- **Materials are frequency & temperature sensitive**
- **Only reduces resonance – not forcing frequency**

## **•Two Types**

- **Homogeneous (Free Layer)**
  - **Apply at 1 to 1 ration**
  - **Peel & stick, spray, trowel**
- **Constrained Layer**
  - **Light Weight**
  - **High Damping Performance**
  - **Built in Design**

**Noise Reduction Potential 2-15 dBA**

# ISOLATION

- **Properly “sized” to application**
- **Proper materials for application/environment**
- **Maximize efficiency for cost**
- **Noise Reduction Potential 2-20 dBA**

# **GASKETING – Sealing Noise In or Out**

- **Designed for Use/Environment**
- **Requirements may narrow selection**
- **Price/Performance**
- **Low Compression Set**

**Noise Reduction Potential 2-10 dBA**

# **Fastening Systems for Acoustical Materials**

## **Adhesives - (Flammability may be an Issue)**

**Spray                  Permanent, Potential Over-Spray, Cure Time**

**PSA                  Fast, Permanent, Easy**

## **Mechanical**

**Pins                  Most Common**

**Clips                  Side Panels, Headliners,  
Require Backing Board**

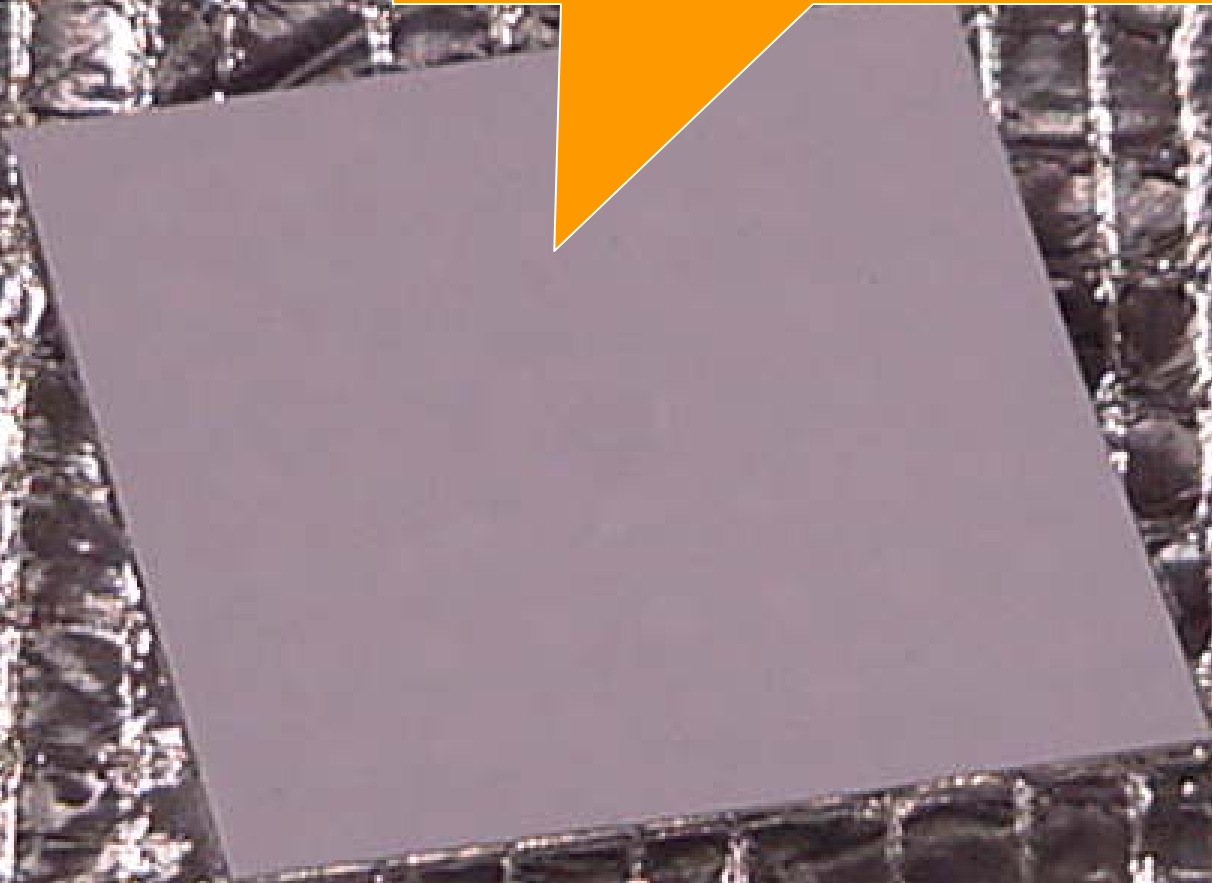
**Snaps                  Require Mates/Alignment**

**Velcro                  Require Mates/Alignment**

**MECHANICAL FASTENERS  
WITH PROTECTIVE CAPS**



# MECHANICAL FASTENER WITH 3M STRUCTURAL ADHESIVE





# **NOISE CONTROL SUPPLIER SHOULD OFFER**

- **Reliable Customer Service**
  - References/Customer List
  - What have they done recently
- **Engineering Support**
- **Economical Prototypes**
- **Quality Production**
- **ISO 9002 Quality System Certified**

# **SUMMARY**

## **Polymer Technologies Supplies:**

- **A Full Range of Engineered Components.**
- **The Best Customer Service in Our Industry.**

**AND**

- **The Best Technical Support within Our Industry.**



**THANK YOU!**